



**WHITE ROCK ELKS 431
GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10th, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

President Leah McGovern called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST – Rose Hamilton, SOS Childrens' Village

Rose gave a very interesting presentation and responded to questions. She thanked the Elks for their previous donation and expressed heartfelt appreciation from the children that receive this support.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance: Leah McGovern (President), Al Burns, Tom Corless, Senga Cowie, Tony Crowther, David Deagnon, Ken Fraser, Marlene Friend, Jaki Gray, John Hentschel, Emily McGovern, Barbara Andrews (Recording Secretary)

Members: 14

Visitors: 1

PASSING OF A MEMBER A ceremony was performed for James Wood.

AGENDA

The Agenda was accepted with the addition of:

- Officer's Reports: "President's Report" – Leah McGovern
- New Business: "Invitation to bring in Speakers regarding Charity" – Al Burns

READING OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Don Alton that the Minutes of the General Meeting held on June 11th, 2019 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

CORRESPONDENCE – Tom presented the following:

- The President of B.C. Elks, Kay Heuer, will be visiting the Lodge on Tuesday, February 11th, 2020.
- October is Elktober and Lodges are encouraged to increase membership. Funding up to \$500 will be provided if the Lodge hosts a new member initiative.

TREASURER'S REPORT - John Hentschel presented the Financial Statements for the period ending August 31st, 2019.

Moved by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by David Deagnon that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as circulated. **Carried**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Application:

An application was read out for Judy Belanger. Leah advised that Judy has volunteered to count the Cash and has had significant experience in this role. She is also interested in being a bar tender.

Moved by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Don Alton that the membership application for Judy Belanger be accepted by a show of hands and approved and the initiation be conducted this evening. **Carried**

Membership Initiations:

An Initiation ceremony was performed for Judy Belanger and she was welcomed to the Lodge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – See attached. She encouraged members to read the Report provided by Fasken Martineau Dumoulin that will be available on the Web Site under the “Member’s Section”.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Sherry Baker reported that work is being done on the 2020 Budget.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – David Deagon thanked all those who are volunteering with Maintenance and urged more members to offer their services. The downstairs hall will be painted by the end of the year.

CHARITY COMMITTEE – Al reported that Coast Capital Savings has donated \$3,000.00 to the Elks for their charities and the Elks will match these donations. The Charity Committee is recommending, that in light of Coast Capital Savings’ initiatives to help youth in the community, the amounts will be donated as follows:

- \$1,000 to Alexandra House
- \$1,000 to 907 Black Knights Air Cadets
- \$1000 to School District #36 Hearing and Speech Program.

A request has been received from the Union Gospel Mission for their Thanksgiving Dinner Program.

Moved by Al Burns, **Seconded** by Jaki Gray that donations of \$1,000 be made to Alexandra House and \$500 to the Union Gospel Mission Thanksgiving Dinner Program. **Carried**

Al advised that, in light of concerns expressed by the Treasurer about increasing current losses, decisions about other donations will be made at a later date.

Thank you letters were received from Sources for the donation of \$1,000.00 and from the B.C. Family Hearing Resource Society for the donation of \$2,000.00

It was noted that three donations are being made to the Charity Account: Donation of \$150.00 from the Unity of the Valley Church, that uses the Lounge for their services; proceeds from the golf tournament of \$534.50; and \$350.00 in cash, presented by Al that are the profits from the meals served on Friday evenings.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE – Mary Fraser reported as follows:

June 8th: – Brandall Dance: 82 tickets sold - \$1275. Band - \$400 Profit: \$875

July 20th: – Brandall Dance: 84 tickets sold - \$1175. Band - \$600 Profit: \$575

September 21st: – Beatlemania with Brandall. Band - \$600. Tickets: \$10 for members and \$15 for non members

September 28th: – Variety Show. Cost - \$200. Tickets: Free for members and \$5 for non members.

October 19th: - Octoberfest. Greg Hampson - \$300. Tickets: \$10 for members and \$15 for non members.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE – Marlene thanked Committee member, Maggie Rogers, for her help. She thanked all those who volunteered at the BBQ and all those who attended. Marlene advised that, due to the lack of interest in the Social events, which are a great deal of work to organize, the Masquerade Ball has been cancelled. Instead, the remaining funds will be used to provide a Chinese dinner on Friday, December 13th, 2019 which will be free to members and a nominal charge to non members. Marlene was given a round of applause for her work with the Social Committee.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE – Emily will now be moving on Campus at SFU in the New Year. She is willing to train anyone to do any of the functions of the Publicity Committee, and may also be able to provide help and support next year. She reported that there are 130 Followers on Instagram, which attracts a younger audience than Facebook. Members were asked to take lots of photos at every event and send them to Emily for posting on the Web Site and Social Media.

HISTORIAN - Nothing to report.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS – Senga reported on Mary Harrington and Joyce Hunt.

RENTALS – Tom advised that one of the regular renters of the kitchen, Mike “The Perogy Man” has been sick and is unable to continue. There are a few people interested in renting the kitchen once a month. Tom is working with John and Leah with regard to increasing the rental fees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Garage Sale – September 14th, 2019 – 9:00 – 1:00** – Al requested a couple more volunteers to help with cooking hot dogs. Coffee and donuts will also be served. There are still tables available.
2. **Karaoke** – Discussion took place on Friday Karaoke which has been held on two Fridays per month in July and August to coincide with the Salsa dances. Leah expressed disappointment that no-one else has come up with an alternative activity for other Fridays. Marleen offered to provide DJ Music for the same fee as Karaoke.

Moved by David Deagon, **Seconded** by Senga Cowie that Karaoke be held every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month until the end of December, 2019. **Carried**

3. **Wednesday Entertainment** – The Pride of Erin will play on the 1st Wednesday of every month. Jaki is actively endeavouring to seek other performers to play on Wednesdays. A motion was passed earlier in the year that non members would be charged for paid Entertainment which would offset some of the expenses if Wednesday Entertainers were paid. It was noted that Entertainers who play for free are entitled to two free drinks each. The Thursday and Sunday Jams are free. It was agreed that the Lounge will continue to be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays unless there is Entertainment, in which case a bar tender needs to be scheduled.
4. **Partners and Volunteers**
 - Tony has agreed to be the Volunteer Coordinator until the end of the Year. He handed out a Job Description and also a Volunteer Hours Form for August 2019 (attached).
 - Leah requested someone to help Tom with rentals. This is an important role as rentals are currently the Lodge’s mainstay of income.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bar Prices

Moved by Tom Corless, **Seconded** by Al Burns, that the bar prices be increased by 50 Cents for wine, beer, cider and bar liquor. **Carried**

2. Invitation to Tony Moore to speak at a Special Meeting

Tony Moore is the President of the Royal Canadian Legion 229 and has been involved in the Development of the property owned by the Legion into a Veterans’ Village, which will consist of 145 Veterans’ units, 312 market

units, commercial space and a Legion facility. Leah will invite Tony to speak at a Special Meeting about his experiences and urged members to attend.

3. **Elks Youth Group** - Leah explained she feels it is important that youth in the community are supported. The Scholarship Program was implemented last year and the next step will be an Elks Youth Group. She will approach the White Rock Youth Ambassadors and their Alumni to discuss how this could be implemented. It could possibly be a social club and they could raise funds themselves to donate to local charities.
4. **Invitation to bring in Speakers regarding Charity** – Al would like to invite representatives from Alexandra House and the 907 Black Knights Air Cadets to speak to the Lodge but will wait until a decision is made about charitable donations. It was felt that members enjoy Presentations from Charitable organizations.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Golf Tournament - Report

Maggie reported on the very successful Golf Tournament that was held on September 8th, 2019. There were 25 players and 21 guests for dinner only. The proceeds of \$534.50 will be donated to the “Charity Account”. Ken was thanked for obtaining generous donations from Guinness and Sleemans, including a keg of beer, a free drink for all the golfers at the Golf Club, and prizes. All those who volunteered and participated were thanked.

Senga thanked Maggie for maintaining and watering the flower beds.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the President closed the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

General Meeting: Tuesday, October 8th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Executive Meeting: TBA